

## CLAIMS

1           1.       A cover for the blades of a two-bladed vaginal speculum,  
2 comprising:

3               a tubular sheath of a flexible film material having a proximal open end  
4 for receiving tips of the speculum blade and an open distal end to allow  
5 observation of the vaginal area beyond the distal end; and

6               two elongated, longitudinally extending pouches formed on the wall of  
7 the tubular sheath at diametrically opposed points and having openings at their  
8 proximal ends to receive the tips of the two speculum blades.

1           2.       The speculum cover of claim 1 further including pointed tips  
2 formed forward of the distal ends of each of the pouches adapted to guide the  
3 speculum blades, encased in the pouches, into the vagina.

1           3.       The speculum cover of claim 1 wherein the exterior of the cover  
2 is prelubricated with a vaginal lubricant.

1           4.       The speculum cover of claim 1 including an enlarged diameter  
2 section at the proximal end to ease the reception of the speculum blades.

1           5.       The speculum cover of claim 1 wherein the sheet material  
2 constitutes latex.

1           6.       The speculum cover of claim 1 wherein the pouches are formed  
2       on the interior of wall of the tubular sheath.

1           7.       A sheet cover for two blades of a two-bladed vaginal speculum,  
2       comprising:  
3           a tubular section;  
4           an opening in the tubular section at the proximal end to receive the  
5       speculum blades;  
6           an opening at the distal end of the tubular section, extending the full  
7       diameter of the tube, to allow observation through the speculum; and  
8           pointed tips disposed at diametrically opposed points on the distal end  
9       of the tube adapted to guide the tube encasing the blades into the vagina.

1           8.       The sheet cover of claim 7 including a lubricated coating on the  
2       exterior of the tube.

1           9.       The sheet cover of claim 7 wherein the sheet material is latex.

1           10.      The sheet cover of claim 7 further including a pair of pouches  
2       extending in a longitudinal direction from said tips and having open proximal  
3       ends, said pouches being adapted to retain the tips of the retractor blades within  
4       the cover during insertion of the covered blades to avoid rollback of the cover  
5       on the retractor blades.

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- 1            11.     The sheet cover of claim 10 wherein the pouches are formed on
- 2     the interior wall of the tubular section.